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1. IDEA is at present directed by the following Lieutenant Colonels on active duty: Stylianos Tzouvaras, Ioannis Karabotsos and Karavitis (fmu).
2. The above-mentioned officers sent a letter signed by IDEA to the Ministers during the recent Government crisis containing a veiled threat. They are presently approaching the political leaders in the hope of forming a Government in which they have the key Ministries.
3. The organization now favors Thrasyvoulos Tsakalotas above all other Generals, including Stylianos Kitrilakis. Source believes that Lieutenant Colonel Solon Ghikas (the Greek Military Attache in Washington) still has important influence in IDEA circles. George Varvoutis, former Minister of National Economy is connected with IDEA through his wife, whose brother is a member.

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Comment: A separate source within the leadership of IDEA has stated that George Papandreou is highly regarded by IDEA and that the conservative journal Kathimerini most closely reflects the organization's views.)

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